

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Occupational Therapists (29-1122)**

**Associated Occupation: Occupational Therapy Assistants (31-2011)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Psychology	6.4	18.0	17.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	10.8	16.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	10.6	13.6	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	9.2	9.3	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	7.9	6.2	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Reading Comprehension	10.7	13.3	13.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.1	12.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.2	11.7	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Negotiation	6.8	8.6	8.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Expression	12.4	13.9	14.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.6	14.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	12.2	14.0	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	11.9	13.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	11.1	12.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	10.6	11.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	10.5	12.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	10.5	12.3	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Static Strength	5.0	8.2	5.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	5.7	5.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	5.5	4.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Evaluate patient's skills or capacities	87
Instruct patient in home programs or basic living skills	95
Observe patient condition	48
Plan therapy treatment program	77
Position patient for therapy	70
Teach individuals work-related techniques or skills	80
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 79

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<b>Tools and Technologies</b>	<b>Exclusivity</b>
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Communication aids for the physically challenged	29
Computer data input devices	2
Computer game or entertainment software	33
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cutting and crimping and punching tools	3
Data management and query software	1
Educational or reference software	12
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Gait training products	43
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Leisure and recreational aids for the physically challenged	56
Medical exam size measuring devices	24
Network applications software	1
Orthopedic softgoods for lower extremity	33
Patient lifts	35
Patient transport products	18
Power tools	2
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24
Rough and finishing tools	5
Sewing and stitchery and weaving equipment and accessories	80
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Utility and device driver software	17
Vascular and compression therapy equipment and supplies	33

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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